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FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

INQUIRY RE KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO DASH S,
RESEARCH/ CRIME RECORDS DIVISION/. REBUTEL OCTOBER TWENTY LAST.

[] IDENTIFIED AS []

[] SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION
SF FILES RE [] AND [] CONTACTED OCTOBER TWENTY
LAST AND IT WAS DETERMINED [] EMPLOYED [][] SUNNYVALE, AND BOTH HE AND WIFE ACTIVE
YOUNG REPUBLICANS. HAD ATTENDED SPEECH BY PRUSSIAN LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA, AND THOUGHT HIS PRESENTATION EXCELLENT AND MADE
ACQUAINTANCE PRUSSIAN, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THEM HE WOULD
BE AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ANY GROUP IN SUNNYVALE AREA THAT THEY
COULD ARRANGE APPEARANCE BEFORE. [] APPEAR
EXTREMELY ANTICOMMUNISTIC AND STATED THAT PRIOR TO ARRANGING
APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUNG REPUBLICAN GROUP, SUNNYVALE, DESIRED
KNOW IF PRUSSIAN WAS ACTUALLY FORMER FBI INFORMANT. BAUERS
ADVISED BUREAU COULD MAKE NO COMMENT RE PRUSSIAN OR VOUCH FOR

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HIM BUT HE DID SERVE AS INFORMANT SECURITY MATTERS NINETEEN FORTYNINE DASH FIFTYEIGHT, DURING WHICH TIME COMPENSATED FOR INFORMATION FURNISHED. [] ADVISED RUSSIAN WAS NEVER SA, FBI. [] APPRECIATIVE PERSONAL CONTACT AND EXPRESSED STRONG ADMIRATION WORK OF BUREAU IN COMMUNIST FIELD AND ADMIRATION DIRECTOR.

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Bill Brown

In San Francisco today, an FBI spokesman acknowledged that Prussion had been a paid informer for the agency, but said his work with the FBI ended in mid-1958.

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Secrets plague informer

SUNNYVALE — Peninsula residents who formerly may have been looking under beds can sleep better now. Communists here spend their time in public buildings.

"Scores of meetings," says Karl Prussion.

Scores of meetings in the Sunnyvale banquet hall under the city library.

"Scores of meetings also have been held in public buildings in Palo Alto and San Jose," Prussion told a recent meeting called by the Young Republicans (Sept. 24).

Prussion is, or was before his arrest Sept. 25 on charges of not filing tax and wage reports on his employees, the mysterious Mr. X of the called-off teacher probe.

Prussion told the Young Republicans there are about 40 Communists on the Peninsula.

He affirmed the 40 run around 10 scores of meetings in public and what's more in public buildings. He wants it stopped.

Prussion wanted to meet with the Sunnyvale City Council on the matter. But not in public. He would like to tell about the scores of public meetings underground, under the city library. But secretly.

He requires immunity from legal action as provided by the House Un-American Committee — or by a secret meeting with the Council to expose secretly how the Communists conduct conspiracies by meeting publicly in public buildings.

To all of which Sunnyvale's Mayor Walter L. Jones issued his own public challenge. Prussion should come into a public building; viz, the Council Chamber, and talk publicly.

"If he has this information shouldn't he make it public?" the Mayor asked. "If he's the savior of the people, they should know who they are being saved from. I fear all he's looking for is free publicity."

Savior Prussion was silent. He did list groups, political and civic. None had ever met

underground in the Sunnyvale public banquet hall, however, Prussion concluded he would have to rely on memory. All his documentary evidence was being held by the FBI; they know, though, because he told them.

On the other hand he failed to reveal if his shortage of memory was why he forgot about paying the State Department of Employment what he presumably had withheld from his employees taxes during 1963 and '69.

Prussion lost faith in a Supreme Being about 1933, he revealed. He also lost faith in the economic system. After five years in the Communist Party he lost faith in that.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-33837) DATE: 10/12/59
FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON
SUBJECT: PALO ALTO PEACE CLUB
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On 9/29/59 [redacted] furnished a written report to SA RICHARD H. NELSON which has been filed in [redacted]. It concerns the present condition of the Palo Alto Peace Club and reads as follows:

"9/26/59

"Flashlight and the Peace Club
and Karl Prussian

"Valeda Bryant asked me to talk to Doris Dawson and Mary Wilson about disbanding the Peace Club. I went to Doris Dawsons and she had just received a letter from Valeda Bryant saying that she was resigning from the Peace Club. Doris and I went to see Dave Allen because we were sure Mary Wilson would be in bed. It seems Mary Wilson, Doris Dawson and Dave Allen are willing to disband the Peace Club but want to pre-date it so Karl Prussian wont take the credit for it. I suggested that under the constitution there was a required no. of meetings a year so it was disbanded by default but since the paper has been put out under

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cc: [redacted]

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100-33866
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(VALEDA BRYANT)
(MARY WILSON)
(DORIS DAWSON)
(DAVID ALLEN)
(ALAN TSAKSEN)
(KARL PRUSSIAN)

[redacted]
(Los Altos-Mountain
View CUC)

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the name of the Peace Club that might legally have some influence on the situation. I also said that before the paper is sent out with no name on it except Flashlight as is planned for this issue, I felt that there should be some legal advice.

"Dave Allen told us (Doris Dawson and me) that Allen Isaksen is expecting trouble from Karl Prussian. He still has a \$10,000.00 law suit on the books against Karl. It seems that Karl P. was the one who persuaded Allen to run and that he would employ him while he was doing it. I think I mentioned this. I know that when Karl came to my club meetings he was always calling for action. Valeda Bryant is going to stop sending Flashlight to her children, but she didn't suggest that I stop selling it because of Marta! That is something that is worrying me. suppe Karl turns my name over to the American Legion here. They would be more then interested because Marta was a girl's state representative from Paley Hi area. They might find out that she is at U.C. teaching and try to make it hard for her. I am sure he is turning names over to groups like the A.L.

"Valeda Bryant was called on the phone by a man who said he was a reporter and she told him she didn't belong to the Peace Club anymore and that it had not met for over a year. of course I don't know whether the yearly picnic at Dr. Mayers would be considered an affair or not. it is given for the benefit of 'Flashlight' A [redacted] of [redacted] in Los Altos called on Doris Dawson. he is a 'Humanist' whatever that is. She had phoned him as she goes to some of their meetings. He attended Karl's talk last nite befor the YR club. He says Karl made many wild statements that the Mountain View Los Altos Civic Unity Club was run by communists, with the exception of [redacted] I know no one in it party or not nor have I ever heard it mentioned at any county-committee meeting that I can remember now. Karl also according to [redacted] said that it was better for 100 innocent teachers to lose there jobs than have one party member keep his (or hers) I think Karl wants to be another Joe McCarthy. Karl also said that he quit working for the FBI because they were too soft with the communists and he couldn't criticise them.

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"To go back to Valeda Bryant and the phone call I told her she should not talk to anyone over the phone. how did she know it was a reporter. Valeda Bryant is sending copies of the statement of purpose and constitution of the Peace Club to [redacted] as he says he wants to answer Karl's statement on various organizations - so for safety I asked Doris how she knew that [redacted] was O.K. She said she was sure he was but I think it put a doubt in Valeda Bryant's mind. [redacted]'s wife was active, I believe in defense of the teachers here - I hope I didn't do the wrong thing

"Well I will say this much for Karl though I think he is a first rate nut - and if he keeps this up will do more harm than good. especially when he gets picked up by the sheriff's deputies as soon as the meeting was over! He will probably say he has moved three times in the last five months because he was afraid for his safety - but I am willing to bet why! I got off the track - he is making the Peace Club, Flashlight people run around in circles [redacted] told Doris that Karl said that there was a woman who lived in a large estate (Alice Richards or Ollie Mayer) who gave orders to the Peace Club and that he [redacted] overheard two people in front of him say that they knew who that was - that woman who lived in Los Gatos

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"/s/ [redacted]

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"6/27/59

"I was with with Valeda Bryant today (Sunday) She was showing me how to get out Flashlight in case she doesn't get back by Friday.

"Valeda told me she also told the Reporter that the Peace Club was not a communist front organization and that she had resigned from it. I think she is worried about saying that - I wonder what she thinks it was if not a 'front' organization

"/s/ [redacted]

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Informant had no further information.

RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-3730) DATE: 1c/19/59
FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON
SUBJECT: CP, SANTA CLARA COUNTY
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[REDACTED] 9/30/59 10/2/59 SA RICHARD H. [REDACTED]
NELSON

The following is a written report of a meeting
of the Palo Alto CP Club held 9/30/59, at 71 Morton Way,
Palo Alto, California:

"Oct_ 1 '59

"Palo Alto Club Communist Party meeting

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"Wednesday- Sept 30 The Palo Alto Club C.P. met
at the home of MARY WILSON. There attending were the
SHAPOVALOVs, IKE FOLKOFF, WALTER HARJV, [REDACTED]
GERTRUDE ADLER, DORIS DAWSON, SARA ALCHEMES, FRANK SCHNEIDER
and MARY WILSON.

"MARY WILSON led a discussion on the draft
resolutions for the coming party convention. I think I
gave you a copy. There was also a discussion of KARL PRUSSIAN,

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1 - 100-24948 (MIKE SHAPOVALOV) b7D
1 - 100-34164 (MARY SHAPOVALOV)
1 - 100-1346 (ISAAC FOLKOFF)
1 - 100-16351 (WALTER HARJV)
1 - 100-25794 (GERTRUDE ADLER)
1 - 100-33801 (DORIS DAWSON)
1 - 100-7103 (SARA ALCHEMES)
1 - 100-24017 (FRANK SCHNEIDER)
1 - 100-4-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)
1 - 100-30622 (VALEDA BRYANT)
1 - 100-25452 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-11889 (CP, N. CALIFORNIA DISTRICT);

READ BY: [REDACTED]
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but as I stated before the club doesn't seem as concerned about him as VALEDA BRYANT. Frankly the C.P. members feel that you know them all anyway, and that KARL will be afraid to mention names publicly. The club discussed the lack of an organized peace movement in the U.S. and were of course full of praise for Mr. K. and his visit here. DORIS DAWSON asked [redacted] and SARA ALCHERMES to be at her house the next day at 10 AM to talk with [redacted] who is now the secretary of the San Francisco Sobell Committee.

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"/s/ [redacted]

"GERTRUDE ADLER keeps saying that there are people named [redacted] around Sonora whom I should know. I don't remember them.

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"/s/ [redacted]

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The informant could furnish no further information about this matter. He was questioned for the identities of the persons mentioned in the last paragraph as [redacted]. He was unable to advise the identity of these people but said he would question GERTRUDE ADLER for their names and report same.

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RECOMMENDATION:

No action.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117) DATE: 10/15/59
FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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[] 10/1/59 10/2/59 SA RICHARD []
H. NELSON

The following is a written report of a meeting with b6
[] of the Sobell Committee at 107 East Portola, b7C
Los Altos, California:

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"Meeting with [] of the S.F. Sobell Committee

[] contacted DORIS DAWSON and asked
to come down and give a report on what the Sobell committee
was doing. So Thurs. Oct 1st at 10 AM SARA ALCHEMES and b6
[] and DORIS DAWSON at DORIS DAWSON's home received b7C
a report on the activities of the Sobell committee. What b7D
[] really came for was to get them to have a fund
raising affair, which I guess will be done. Also []
[] and DORIS DAWSON are to bring up the subject at the
County Committee meeting this evening.

[] mentioned some resolutions passed by b6
some Democratic Clubs in connection with the Sobell case. b7C
She said there had been a small meeting of professionals

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- 1 - 100-33801 (DORIS DAWSON)
- 1 - 100-7103 (SARA ALCHEMES)
- 1 - 100-3730 (CP, SANTA CLARA COUNTY)
- 1 - 100-29454 (EAST BAY PROFESSIONAL SECTION)
- 1 - 134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)
- 1 - 100-21598
- 1 - 100-35132 []
- 1 - 100-20576 []
- 1 - 100-24957 []
- 1 - 100-38524 []
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in Berkeley which she attended and they were the ones who got the Democratic Clubs to pass whatever the resolution was_

"She told us that she has been trying to get in touch with a [redacted] at Stanford that she has tried three times to get him on a person to person phone call, but could not get passed his secretary. She made the remark that he might as well give up because he was going to have to come in contact with the case some time. I don't know what she meant by that. Then she showed us a list of returned envelopes from a list of local people VALEDA BRYANT had given her, one was to a [redacted] who I believe is also at Stanford. that envelope had been returned and the post office had marked 'refused' on it.

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"She plans to work on the YMCA and the YWCA. She asked about KARL PRUSSIAN. It seems that she had heard of him thru FRANK FULLER (San Jose) when she worked with FRANK FULLER on the Westinghouse strike - I think in '55. I am pretty sure she must be a party member but have no proof. Probably San Francisco or Oakland FBI knows she lives in Oakland. She was the one who came with the [redacted] when he spoke at DORIS DAWSON's. I believe in February.

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"She says it takes \$300.00 month to operate the San Francisco Sobell Committee Office. Also that the National Sobell Com. pays Mrs. SOBELL a salary. She is trying to get sustainers. she said that SID SIMON is the only sustainer here, pays monthly.

"Those few around this area who answered the last appeal made last June are_

[redacted] San Jose
[redacted] Palo Alto ([redacted])
[redacted] P.A.
[redacted]
[redacted] Menlo Park
"HENRY MAYER - Woodside
[redacted] P.A.

DORIS Y. MAYER
260 Churchill P.A.
[redacted] Redwood City
[redacted]
[redacted] P.A.
[redacted] - Saratoga
[redacted] P.A.

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"/s/ [redacted] b7D
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RHN: cmr

Informant had no further information but stated he will furnish any further information received in connection with activities of this Committee in the Peninsula.

RECOMMENDATION:

No investigation.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: Oct. 8, 1959

FROM : SA THOMAS C. MC GEE

SUBJECT: PRUSSIAN
INFO CONCERNINGb6
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At 11:55AM an individual identifying himself as []
[], Oakland (listed to Mitchell's
Jewelry & Diamond Buyers), inquired telephonically if
we had an FBI agent named PRUSSIAN. He was advised the
name was not familiar to the writer, and requested to
call the SF Office. He said he had called there and been
transferred to Oakland (call was received on Office exten-
sion phone).

He said PRUSSIAN had been making speeches before the
Lions Club and other organizations, identifying himself as
a former card carrying member of the Communist Party, and
alleging that there were communists in the Democratic Party.
[] said he was a member of the Democratic Central
Committee and had furnished Oakland Tribune newspaper
articles regarding PRUSSIAN to the Central Committee, re-
questing they institute suit against PRUSSIAN and have him
identify any communists in the Democratic Party. []
alleged the Oakland Tribune was setting up PRUSSIAN'S
speaking engagements, and describing him in it's articles
as an FBI agent.

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[] inquired whether the FBI could not do some-
thing about this. He was advised to contact the SF Office
since the writer had no knowledge of the background of this
person he was speaking of.

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The writer commented that the term "agent", in its
broad, generic sense, has been applied by newspapers to
describe a person of the background attributed to PRUSSIAN,
who reportedly had furnished information to the FBI regard-
ing Communists. The writer again stated he had no knowledge
regarding PRUSSIAN and again recommended to [] that he
communicate with the San Francisco Office.

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The writer supplied his name to [] in response to
his request. [] said he had tried to reach SA ERICKSON
(presumably DICK NELSON) at SFO, whom he knows, but was told
he was out.

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ASAC BISHOP advised of above.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (134-

DATE: 10/2/59

FROM : SA JOHN M. PAGE

SUBJECT: KIRL PRUSSIAN
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On 10/1/59 [redacted] Los Altos, California, telephone [redacted] advised that she was interested in an anti-communist organization which PRUSSIAN is endeavoring to organize, but that prior to affiliating with such a group she was interested in determining the truth concerning PRUSSIAN, his association with the FBI, and his alleged criminal record.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI could furnish no information to her concerning PRUSSIAN, nor for that matter could any information in the files of the FBI be furnished to her. [redacted] stated that she appreciated the fact that such information was not available to the general public and she said that it is her intention to look further into the organization being promoted by PRUSSIAN and that if any information came to her attention which she believed the FBI would be interested in she would not hesitate to make same available.

The above is furnished for information.

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

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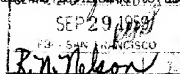
FROM : SA Charles T. Fletcher

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

On this date Mr. FRED LOGAN, City Councilman, Sunnyvale, Calif. phone REgent 6-8870, telephonically contacted this office regarding captioned individual. LOGAN stated PRUSSION had come to the attention of the City Council of Sunnyvale about three weeks ago at which time PRUSSION had just appeared as a speaker before one of the civic clubs of the city. According to LOGAN in this speech, PRUSSION claimed to have been an "undercover agent for the FBI" for many years and had provided the FBI with a great deal of information about the Communist organizations which exist in Sunnyvale and vicinity. PRUSSION also made claims of attending Communist meetings which were held in the Sunnyvale City Hall.

LOGAN said PRUSSION's claims have been receiving a great deal of publicity in the local press, some of which such as the use of the City Hall for Communist meetings has caused the City Council some embarrassment. This has now resulted in arrangements being made for PRUSSION to appear in an open meeting of the City Council, which will include the Mayor and City Manager, at which meeting the Council will expect PRUSSION to back up the previous statements he has made regarding the meetings in City Hall and the communist organizations which exist in Sunnyvale and vicinity.

LOGAN stated the principal purpose of his call was to alert the FBI of what was going on in Sunnyvale, and to determine whether the City Council in holding such a meeting was in anyway usurping the jurisdiction of the FBI. He was advised that the information he had furnished would be made a matter of record, and that as far as the jurisdiction of the FBI is concerned, the City Council would in no way be out of line in holding this meeting. LOGAN asked if the FBI would want a man present at the meeting, and he was advised that we would not want a man there. He then asked if the FBI would be interested in the results of the meeting, and the reply was that the FBI is by Presidential Proclamation the coordinating agency in the Federal Government pertaining matters of internal security and should information be brought out in the meeting which would be of interest to the FBI in this connection, then by all means it should be furnished to us.

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LOGAN said the City Council had no way of knowing whether PRUSSON was actually what he claimed to be "A Communist Informer" for the FBI, and wondered whether this could be confirmed by the FBI. He was informed of the confidential nature of the files of the FBI, and that only through the Attorney General himself could such information be divulged to other than authorized authorities. It was also pointed out to Mr. LOGAN that the statement regarding the confidential nature of our files was not meant to imply that we actually did or did not have any information in our files pertaining to PRUSSON.

LOGAN appeared to be satisfied with the foregoing replies to his inquiries, and stated he understood why the FBI's files would of necessity be considered confidential.

The foregoing discussion with LOGAN was had before the agent had an opportunity to check SF indices on PRUSSON. Indices search reflected a 134 file reflecting PRUSSON is an ex-informant.

Because during the discussion with LOGAN, the agent agreed to call LOGAN back after this matter had been checked further, the agent called LOGAN and informed him that the previous information furnished to him would still apply, and in particular this office could not because of jurisdictional limitations participate in any way in the open meeting mentioned previously herein.

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County to drop job charges against Prussion

SAN JOSE -- Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Louis Doll said late yesterday charges of failing to file state unemployment tax returns will be dropped against Karl Prussion, the "Mr. X" who informed the FBI of local Communist activities.

Prussion, Los Altos resident and San Jose contractor, has had no employees since January, 1958, Doll said. The attorney added that he will move for dismissal of the charges Monday in San Jose-Alviso Municipal Court.

PRUSSION was arrested Thursday night in the parking lot of Covington School, Los Altos, after telling 300 persons at a Young Republican gathering of Communist activities. Sheriff's deputies took him to the county jail where he was booked and released on \$250 bail.

The charges were that he made out no unemployment returns for employees of the Prussion Construction Company.

At the time, Prussion said he would be freed upon filing of a sworn statement that he had no employees.

Prussion was dubbed "Mr. X" in hearings before the House Un-American Activities Committee to protect his identity. He was to have testified again this fall on Communist activity among area teachers, but the hearings were called off.

IN ANOTHER matter, Prussion has offered to tell the Sunnyvale City Council the names of Communist-front groups he says have used the old city hall as a meeting place. His letter will be presented next to the council.

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Karl Prussion, the former FBI informer, would like us to straighten out a couple of items, and we're only too happy. First, he says he didn't promise to "tell all" (our phrase) about Bay Area Communist teachers before the House Un-American Activities Comm. which was supposed to come here but didn't. Second, in his speech before the Lions Club in Sunnyvale, we said he refused to name any Communist teachers "in this area." We were referring to Sunnyvale. He can't name any Communists there, but he can, he says, name them in the BAY Area, including the P'Alto-S'Jose sector. All Clear.

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Ex-Red Charged With Failure to Pay State Tax

Karl Prussion, one-time Communist and FBI informer, has been charged with failing to pay State unemployment insurance taxes for the employees in his contracting business. Prussion was arrested a few minutes after he finished a speech before the Los Altos Young Republicans Thursday. Prussion was booked at Santa Clara County Jail and released on \$250 bail. He will be arraigned in San Jose Municipal Court October 5.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-3730) DATE: 9/22/59

FROM : SA RICHARD H. NELSON

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY
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Following is a written report of a meeting of the Palo Alto Club of the CP, Santa Clara County, held 8/19/59 at 730 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California, the home of MARY and MIKE SHAPOVALOV:

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"Palo Alto Club Communist Party Meeting

"On Wednesday evening Aug. 19 the Palo Alto Club Communist Party met at the home of MARY and MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV. Those attending were IKE FOLKAFF, DORIS DAWSON, [REDACTED] SARA ALCHERMES, the SHAPOVALOVs, FRANK SCHNEIDER and MARY WILSON. The meeting was entirely concerned with a discussion of KARL PRUSSION. The members do not seem too disturbed over the situation. They were surprised about the situation because he seldom came to meetings and very seldom paid any dues. They forgot to discuss plans for a meeting which HOLLAND ROBERTS was

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 1-(100-34164) (MARY SHAPOVALOV)
 1-(100-24948) (MIKE SHAPOVALOV)
 1-(100-1346) (ISAAC FOLKOFF)
 1-(100-33861) (DORIS DAWSON)
 1-(100-7103) (SARA ALCHERMES)
 1-(100-24017) (FRANK SCHNEIDER)
 1-(100-33524) (MARY WILSON)
 1-(134-7) (KARL PRUSSION)
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"requested be held in Palo Alto. Either [redacted] or DORIS DAWSON is to try to contact him about a date for some time in October. It had not been decided under what auspices it will be held. The plan is to hold a public meeting either in the community center or to try to a room at the Methodist Church.

"/s/ [redacted]

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Informant had no further information.

RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

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On 9/23/59 [redacted] furnished a written report which has been filed in [redacted]. This report concerns the Palo Alto Peace Club (PAPC) and reads as follows:

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9/21/59
Flashlight & Peace Club

"I just had a visit from VALEDA BRYANT and while she was here a phone call from DORIS DAWSON -- The situation as I gather it is that VALEDA BRYANT's grand daughter who lives in Los Angeles lost her job because her grandmother (V.B.) was active in the Peace Club. It seems now that VALEDA wants to remove the Peace Club name from 'Flashlight' and dissolve the Peace Club and there is really no Peace Club anyway. MARY WILSON, DAVE ALLEN and DORIS DAWSON think that if KARL PRUSSIAN hears about it he will take the credit so they are against it -- I told her that I thought KARL was unimportant that I thought it was wrong to send the paper to people when it was not known if it would hurt their jobs and when they did not know the situation that the Peace Club was listed. She said that she had worried about that too - but I really think it has only since home since her grand daughter's trouble - Now I have a problem - what about MARTA at Cal - sexporing some one starts wondering about that! It was because her grand daughter was working for the city that she lost her job - She was told that if she would resign it would not go on her record but I gather that the girl is rather bitter about it. Of course I was never active like VALEDA so I suppose I can still slide by - anyway I have to see MARY WILSON and DORIS DAWSON to argue with them for VALEDA's viewpoint."

The informant was questioned but could furnish no further information regarding this report.
RECOMMENDATION: No investigation.

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1 [redacted]

1 100-33322 (VALEDA BRYANT)

1 100-33301 (DORIS DAWSON)

1 100-33324 (MARY WILSON)

1 100-33366 (DAVID ALLEN)

1 134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)

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Office Memorandum •

TO : SAC, SF (134-7)

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN, aka
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DATE: 9/25/59

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ATTENTION: Supervisor Clifford

At 11:50AM, on this date, Captain [REDACTED] (NA), Palo Alto, Calif., Police Department advised the writer that at 11:45AM the PD had received a call from a reporter on the San Jose Mercury-News, wanting to know if the PD knew why the FBI had arrested KARL PRUSSIAN, following his speech at Los Altos, Calif., on the evening of 9/24/59.

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At 11:55AM, [REDACTED] recontacted reporter [REDACTED] San Jose Mercury-News, at Sunnyvale, Calif., and advised him that he knew for a fact that the FBI had not arrested PRUSSIAN and asked [REDACTED] to elaborate, at which time [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he had just learned that PRUSSIAN had been arrested by the Santa Clara County SO during the evening of 9/24/59, on a charge involving Employees Withholding Tax.

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Above for information.

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